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SUBJECT: JANUARY 1976 US-HUNGARIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEMINAR

REF: (A) STATE 302578, (B) BUDAPEST 4012

1. EMBASSY DEEPLY APPRECIATES BACKGROUND INFORMATION

REF A. IT WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF MESSRS. CAMPBELL,  
DIEBOLD AND OTHER U.S. PARTICIPANTS AT CHANCERY ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 25.

2. BY SHEER CHANCE, MCAULIFFE ENCOUNTERED PROFESSOR SIMAI  
AT DECEMBER 18 SOCIAL EVENT (PRIOR REPEAT PRIOR REFTEL A)  
AND WAS TOLD THAT PLANS WERE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY FOR JANUARY  
US-HUNGARIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEMINAR. SIMAI THEN SAID HE  
HAD LEARNED FROM COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT "DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE HAD APPROVED" MCAULIFFE'S PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS SEMINAR. MCAULIFFE REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER  
FOR HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE OF THIS SORT  
AND THAT HE WOULD DECLINE ANY SUCH INVITATION UNLESS DEPARTMENT  
SENT HIM EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO. SEVERAL  
POINTED QUESTIONS FAILED TO INDUCE PROFESSOR SIMAI  
TO DIVULGE NAME OF HIS CFR SOURCE.

3. MCAULIFFE AGAIN OFFERED TO HOST SOCIAL EVENT IN  
HONOR OF AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS.  
PROFESSOR SIMAI EXPRESSED MORE THAN MILD INTEREST; AND  
EMBASSY PLNS PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH HUNGARIAN  
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4. IN MORE GENERAL CONVERSATION THAT FOLLOWED PROFESSOR  
SIMAI AGAIN -- AS WITH CHARLES BARTLETT (BUDAPEST 4012) --  
WAS MUCH MORE BULLISH ON HUNGARY'S FUTURE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS  
EVEN FOR THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM THAN ANY GOH  
SPOKESMAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHING  
BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPEAN STATES, HE IS DECIDELY  
BEARISH WITH RESPECT WESTERN EUROPE'S SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC  
PROSPECTS. COMBINATION OF "STRUCTURAL INADEQUACIES,"  
"SOCIAL DISEQUILIBRIUM" AND HIGH RAW MATERIAL COSTS WILL,  
IN HIS VIEW, CAUSE WESTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES TO WALLOW IN  
ECONOMIC TROUGH FOR MORE THAN A LITTE WHILE.  
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